

STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC IMPACT TO SMALL BUSINESSES

- 1. Name of Board, Committee or Council:** Board of Chiropractic Examiners
- 2. Rulemaking hearing date:** February 16, 2007
- 3. Types of small businesses that will be directly affected by the proposed rules:**

Amendments regarding identification badges:

Chiropractic physicians who employ chiropractic x-ray operators and chiropractic therapy assistants and who pay for all governmental requirements of employees.

Amendments regarding supervision:

Chiropractic physicians who employ chiropractic x-ray operators and chiropractic therapy assistants.

- 4. Types of small businesses that will bear the cost of the proposed rules:**

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Amendments regarding supervision:

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- 5. Types of small businesses that will directly benefit from the proposed rules:**

Amendments regarding identification badges:

The Board does not anticipate there will be direct benefits to small businesses.

Amendments regarding supervision:

Chiropractic physicians who comply with the proposed amendments may see an increase in patients coming from chiropractic physicians who conclude the proposed supervision requirements are too onerous to continue such employment and may instead no longer offer the services

presently provided by the chiropractic x-ray operators and chiropractic therapy assistants.

6. Description of how small business will be adversely impacted by the proposed rules:

Amendments regarding identification badges:

Chiropractic physicians may have minor increased expenses associated with the identification badge requirements regarding photographs and lamination.

Amendments regarding supervision:

Chiropractic physicians who presently employ chiropractic x-ray operators and chiropractic therapy assistants may conclude the proposed supervision requirements are too onerous to continue such employment and may instead no longer offer the services presently provided by the chiropractic x-ray operators and chiropractic therapy assistants.

7. Alternatives to the proposed rule that will accomplish the same objectives but are less burdensome, and why they are not being proposed:

Amendments regarding signs to be posted and identification badges:

It would be less burdensome to not adopt the proposed amendments but the Board is concerned about services being provided by uncertified personnel and the risks being posed. The Board believes the public should know that certification of chiropractic x-ray operators and chiropractic therapy assistants is required.

Amendments regarding supervision:

It would be less burdensome to not adopt the proposed amendments but the Board is concerned about inadequate supervision of chiropractic x-ray operators and chiropractic therapy assistants.

8. Comparison of the proposed rule with federal or state counterparts:

Federal - The Board is not aware of any federal counterparts.

State - The identification badge requirement is similar to requirements set forth by the Board of Dispensing Opticians. The supervision requirement is similar to requirements set forth by the Board of Medical Examiners for supervision of x-ray operators.